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### Mililani – Waipio Gentry Community Report · October 2008

#### Aloha,

As the month of October comes to a close, I would like to remind everyone to remain vigilant and prepared to keep our community safe.

With the approaching celebration of Halloween I urge drivers throughout our area to drive slowly on Oct. 31st and be watchful for pedestrians and trick-ortreaters so that our keiki can have a fun and safe Halloween in our streets and neighborhoods.

The month of October is also recognized as National Fire Prevention Month. The Honolulu Fire Department is advising all families to discuss their home fire evacuation plans and set a meeting place outside of the house. Also, HFD recommends families to be prepared and check homes for fire hazards.

Although hurricane season is expected to end on November 30th, we must continue to be prepared during this final month. We are approaching our winter wet season and I dually recommend for community members to prepare for safety measures around the house for this upcoming wet weather.

In recognition of our World Champions from Waipio, the mayor held a parade of champions in Waikiki this past September. I was very honored to attend and recognize our own incredible baseball players. And would like to commend them for their remarkable sportsmanship.

I am dedicated to working hard to serve you. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone, fax, or email and mahalo for your continued support.

With Warmest Aloha,

Ryan Yamane

## **Honolulu Parade of Champions**



Recognizing the outstanding efforts of the Waipio Baseball team following the Honolulu Parade of Champions.



The Waipio Little League team during the Parade of Champions.

# Mililani Wastewater Facility Holds Public Informational Meeting

On October 3rd, the City held a public informational meeting at Mililani Uka Elementary School cafeteria to clarify and inform nearby residents of upgrades and developments to the Mililani Wastewater Facility.

It was discussed that the headworks of the facility were the major modifications in the upgrade in order to follow federal EPA wastewater guidelines. Other modifications included in the upgrade will be over the existing sludge pump building, a replacement of a lower-powered air blower and modifications to the drying beds.

During the presentation, it was discovered that many of the odors observed nearby the Wastewater Treatment Facility were released by sewer manholes due to a backup of high flows at the headworks station. Officials noted the sanitary problems this will cause and will also dedicate their focus on reducing this odor release from the manholes.

It was noted that the Mililani Wastewater Facility will not take any additional flow from the areas of Waipio Gentry, Koa Ridge, or from the future Waiawa development but may accept additional flows from Mililani Mauka, Launani Valley and Mililani Tech Park.



The following Saturday, on October 4th, the Mililani Wastewater Facility was open for the public to see and explore. I also had the opportunity to attend the site-visit to the Mililani Wastewater Facility.

#### **Honolulu EMS Receives Ambulances**

After years of tirelessly advocating through the appropriation process, I am very proud to see new ambulances on our streets. This past January, the City and County recently opened the Waipio EMS ambulance unit, which has responded to many local emergency calls.

This month I was able to see four brand-new ambulances which will assist many of those in need in other Oahu communities. Prior to these



new ambulances, Honolulu EMS reported the mileage of some vehicles in their fleet to exceed 200,000 miles.

#### **Upcoming Important Community Events**

I would like to share with you very important information of upcoming events and meetings you may want to attend for your own information and assistance.

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6pm-8pm, Mililani Waena Cafeteria
  Public Rail Transit Briefing by the City and County of Honolulu
  This meeting will discuss information about current and future traffic conditions for Oahu. It will also include information on the rail system, rail stations and locations, costs, economic impacts, job creation, environmental impact, and steel on steel technology.
  Website: http://www.honolulutransit.org/
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9am-3pm, Leeward Community College
  eWaste Disposal Day Sponsored by the University of Hawaii
  Environmentally safe manner to dispose of various types of
  e-waste. Items accepted include: all types of computer systems and
  accessories; wires and cables; cell phones;
  PDAs; two way radios; office machinery like
  printers, scanners, telephones;
  A/V equipment such as cameras, DVDs,
  game systems, TVs, VCRs, and Stereos. Visit
  the webpage address below to see a complete
  listing of recyclables.

Website: http://hawaii.edu/ewaste/

• THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Mililani 'Ike Elem.

Board of Education Community Meeting Board of Education

An opportunity to meet elected members of the Board of Education, and discuss important matters related to our public schools and library systems, its funding, operation, and repair and maintenance plans.

Website: http://www.boe.k12.hi.us